

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A particle entrapment pad comprising [an impervious bottom layer and a high loft non-woven top layer] a high loft, non-absorbent non-woven top layer attached to an impervious bottom layer, said non-woven top layer receiving and entrapping particles.

Claim 2 (original): The pad of claim 1 wherein said top layer is treated with a cling enhancing substance.

Claim 3 (original): The pad of claim 2 wherein said cling enhancing substance is an oil.

Claim 4 (original): The pad of claim 1 wherein said top layer is treated with baking soda.

Claim 5 (original): The pad of claim 1 wherein said top layer is treated with an antimicrobial agent.

Claim 6 (original): The pad of claim 1 wherein said top layer is treated with an odor-counteractive agent.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 1, further comprising a liquid-absorbing middle layer.

Claim 8 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said middle layer is wood pulp.

Claim 9 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said middle layer is a super absorbent polymer.

Claim 10 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said middle layer is treated with

baking soda.

Claim 11 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 10, further comprising a super absorbent polymer.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said middle layer is treated with an anti-microbial agent.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said middle layer is treated with an odor-counteractive agent.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 8, wherein said wood pulp is treated with a super absorbent polymer.

Claim 15 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said top layer is treated with a cling enhancing substance.

Claim 16 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said top layer is treated with baking soda.

Claim 17 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said top layer is treated with an anti-microbial agent.

Claim 18 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said top layer is treated with an odor-counteractive agent.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said pad includes a decorative design.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The pad of claim 1, wherein said [pad is used in the vicinity of a litter box to prevent the scatter of cat litter] wherein said particles are animal litter.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said pad is used as a dish-draining mat.

- Claim 22 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said pad is used as a doormat.
- Claim 23 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 25, wherein said doormat is a runner.
- Claim 24 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said pad is used as a car floor mat.
- Claim 25 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said pad is used as a bathroom mat.
- Claim 26 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said pad is used under countertop soap dishes and dispensers.
- Claim 27 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said pad is used to line garbage receptacles.
- Claim 28 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said pad is used to catch excess water and soil under potted plants.
- Claim 29 (currently amended): The pad of claim 1, wherein said [pad is used in workshops to catch debris] particles are workshop debris.
- Claim 30 (currently amended): The pad of claim 1, wherein said [pad is used in offices to collect dust from office appliances] particles are dust.
- Claim 31 (currently amended): The pad of claim 1, wherein said [pad is used in the vicinity of a pet food dish] particles are pet food.
- Claim 32 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said pad is used in the vicinity of a pet food or pet water dish.
- Claim 33 (currently amended): The pad of claim 4, wherein said [pad is used in a refrigerator to absorb odors] baking soda absorbs odors in a refrigerator.
- Claim 34 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 9, further comprising baking soda, wherein said pad is used to absorb odors and excess moisture.

Claim 35 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7 wherein said middle layer is mostly silica gel.

Claim 36 (original): A particle entrapment pad comprising an impervious bottom layer and a high loft non-woven top layer, wherein said top layer includes a plurality of cat litter particles entrapped within a matrix of said non-woven.

Claim 37 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 36, further comprising a liquid-absorbing middle layer.

Claim 38 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 36, wherein said middle layer is wood pulp.

Claim 39 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 36, wherein said middle layer is a super absorbent polymer.

Claim 40 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 38, wherein said wood pulp is treated with a super absorbent polymer.

Claim 41 (original): The pad of claim 36, wherein said top layer is treated with a cling enhancing substance.

Claim 42 (original): The pad of claim 36, wherein said top layer is treated with baking soda.

Claim 43 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 36, wherein said middle layer is treated with baking soda.

Claim 44 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 43, wherein said middle layer is treated with a super absorbent polymer.

Claim 45 (original): The pad of claim 36, wherein said top layer is treated with an anti-microbial agent.

Claim 46 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 36, wherein said middle layer is treated with an anti-microbial agent.

Claim 47 (original): The pad of claim 36, wherein said top layer is treated with an odor-counteractive agent.

Claim 48 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 36, wherein said middle layer is treated with an odor-counteractive agent.

Claim 49 (withdrawn): An anti-odor pouch comprising:

a non-woven front layer;

a non-woven back layer attached to said non-woven front layer; and

a middle layer of baking soda layered between said front and back layer.

Claim 50 (withdrawn): The anti-odor pouch of claim 49 wherein said middle layer includes a non-woven treated with baking soda.

Claim 51 (withdrawn): The anti-odor pouch of claim 49, wherein said pouch is used to deodorize a refrigerator.

Claim 52 (withdrawn): The anti-odor pouch of claim 49, wherein said middle layer further comprises silica gel.

Claim 53 (withdrawn): The anti-odor pouch of claim 52, further comprising a super absorbent polymer.

Claim 54 (withdrawn): The anti-odor pouch of claim 52, wherein said pouch is used to deodorize and dehumidify a refrigerator.

Claim 55 (withdrawn): A method of entrapping particles comprising:

layering a high loft non-woven top layer, having an upper end and a lower end, on top of an impervious bottom layer to create a two-layer pad;

attaching said lower end of said top layer to said bottom layer; and

placing said pad, top layer up, upon a surface where particles will fall;

wherein, when said particles fall upon said non-woven top layer said particles become trapped within a matrix of said non-woven top layer;

wherein, fine particles fall to said lower end of said top layer;
wherein, coarse particles are suspended within said matrix; and
wherein, said pad can be easily disposed of without spilling said particles.

Claim 56 (withdrawn): The method of claim 55, wherein said pad is used to entrap litter particles.

Claim 57 (withdrawn): The method of claim 55, wherein said pad is used to entrap carbon particles.

Claim 58 (withdrawn): The method of claim 55, wherein said pad is used to entrap dust particles.

Claim 59 (withdrawn): The method of claim 55, wherein said pad is used to entrap soil.

Claim 60 (withdrawn): The method of claim 55, wherein said pad is used to entrap food particles.

Claim 61 (withdrawn): A method of entrapping particles while absorbing liquid comprising:

layering a high loft non-woven top layer, having an upper end and a lower end, on top of a liquid-absorbing middle layer that is layered upon an impervious bottom layer to create a three-layer pad;

attaching said lower end of said top layer to said middle layer;

attaching said middle layer to said bottom layer; and

placing said pad, top layer up, upon a surface where particles and liquid will fall;

wherein, when said particles fall upon said non-woven top layer said particles become trapped within a matrix of said non-woven top layer;

wherein, fine particles fall to said lower end of said top layer;

wherein, coarse particles are suspended within said matrix;

wherein, when liquid falls upon said non-woven top layer, said liquid passes through said top layer and is absorbed by said middle layer; and

wherein, said pad can be easily disposed of without spilling said particles and said liquid.

Claim 62 (withdrawn): The method of claim 61 wherein said middle layer includes baking soda.

Claim 63 (withdrawn): The method of claim 62 wherein said middle layer includes a super absorbent polymer.

Claim 64 (withdrawn): The method of claim 61, wherein said pad is used to entrap water.

Claim 65 (withdrawn): The method of claim 61, wherein said pad is used to entrap urine.

Claim 66 (withdrawn): The method of claim 61, wherein said pad is used to entrap litter particles.

Claim 67 (withdrawn): The method of claim 61, wherein said pad is used to entrap food particles.

Claim 68 (withdrawn): The method of claim 61, wherein said pad is used to entrap soil.

Claim 69 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 1, further comprising a means for attaching said pad to another surface.